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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Horace W. Wilson, repairing highways,	\$5 00
E. D. Franklin, " "	16 00
James B. Fields, shoveling snow,	1 10
Charles L. Knight, repairing highways,	15 25
Alex McC. Wilkins, " "	7 25
Reuben Barnes " "	42 68
Henry T. J. Blood, " "	3 00
Isaac Fitts, " "	10 05
Sullivan N. Nesmith, " "	4 00
Tristram F. Palmer, " "	44 55
Alfred Woodard, " "	36 24
Henry B. Harris, " "	10 00
Levi W. Fisher, " "	17 60
Harrison F. Green, " "	24 24
Samuel Humphrey, " "	10 90
A. C. Darrah, " "	7 15
Rufus Blood, " "	37 10
Henry B. Harris, " "	70 00
Frank E. Hill, " "	27 49
John L. Read, " "	43 84
Tristram F Palmer, " "	52 37
L W Parker, " "	1 50

Rufus Blood,	"	"	2 25
Reuben Barnes,	"	"	15 60
Josiah Severns,	"	"	16 04
William H Patterson,	"	"	32 02
Ward Parker,	"	"	32 82
James B Frieze,	"	"	80
H A Crocker, drawing shingles,			5 00
Geo S Parkhurst, repairing highways,			14 12
James W Longa,	"	"	32 88
Chas O Wilkinson, grading road near Reed's Ferry,			45 00
Edward N Brown, repairing highways			27 40
Andrew Savage,	"	"	5 35
John McGilvery,	"	"	12 00
J C Shedd,			7 20
J L Foster,			3 00
Henry A Lawrence, repairing highway and breaking roads,			5 40
Joseph Foster, repairing highway and breaking roads,			8 25
Lemuel Fuller, breaking roads,			2 00
Fred W Bowers,	"		20 16
Tyler T Longa, shingling Turkey Hill Bridge,			26 10
Melendy Brothers, shingles and bridge plank,			76 75
Greenwood & Atwood, painting Turkey Hill Bridge,			25 41
Orison Sanderson, for labor on McGaw Bridge,			19 80
Weston & Stevens, for labor on McGaw Bridge,			65 37
J C Millett labor on McGaw Bridge,			72 05
David Barnes,	"	"	12 38
C O Wilkinson,	"	"	12 38
John O'Brine,	"	"	19 80
Concord R R	"	"	18 00

Aaron Mears, McGaw bridge,	\$3 00
Fessenden & Lowell, McGaw bridge,	80 84
Newton McClure, breaking roads,	16 47
Walter Reed, " "	5 00
David T. Jones, " "	8 51
Tristiam F. Palmer, " "	25 56
George R. Green, " "	8 56
Hartwell Lawrence, " "	9 90
Timothy Kittredge, " "	21 30
J. L. McIntire, " "	5 76
Reuben Barnes, " "	29 50
William H. Patterson, " "	15 10
Frank Hill, " "	70 00
Alfred A. Woodard, " "	54 83
Moses Trewell, " "	2 70
Henry A. Lawrence, " "	6 48
Isaac C. Shedd, " "	7 56
John L. Read, " "	21 22
Levi W. Fisher, " "	17 28
Fred W. Bowers, " "	6 12
George B. Estey, " "	2 40
Samuel Marsh, " "	3 96
Ward Parker, " "	23 26
H. F. Green, " "	31 06
George Parkhurst, " "	17 94
J. W. Longa, " "	24 63
Samuel Humphrey, repairing highway,	12 42
George R. Green, " "	8 10
Timothy Kittredge, " "	25 00
Aaron Mears,	22 50
David T. Jones,	56 17
George West, repairing highways and breaking roads,	11 34
Henry B. Harris, repairing highways and breaking roads,	60 05
Fessenden & Lowell, repairing high- ways and breaking roads,	6 00

William H. Eayrs, breaking roads,	\$3 96
Rufus Blood, " "	48 51
George W. Moulton, " "	6 48
Stephen Blanchard, " "	3 24
Rufus Blood, " "	14 69
Benjamin Hartshorn, " "	12 06
George F. Spalding, " "	14 87
Tristiam F. Palmer, " "	19 99
Calvin Clement, " "	1 50
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	\$1,968 46

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Hanscom & Campbell, printing town reports,	\$32 00
M. V. B. Greene, books and stationery,	9 18
Levi Fisher, for land in Hill case,	15 00
H. W. Wilson, cash paid out in Hill case,	3 50
W. J. Rockwood, mowing graveyard,	2 50
Charles O. Wilkinson, "	3 00
John Barnes, digging well,	16 50
J. & E. Kittredge, brick for well,	28 00
Alford Fisher, pump for well,	16 00
E. N. Brown, boards for bridge,	9 29
H. W. Wilson, fare to Concord,	1 85
James N. B. Fuller, for collecting taxes in 1876-7,	38 43
J. B. Elliott, blacksmithing,	1 80
Haywood & Green, ventilator for Town Hall,	10 50
Stevens & Parker, Bedford road case,	134 00
C. O. Davis, engineer in Bedford road case,	50 00
H. W. Wilson, cash paid out in Bedford road case,	6 10
Frank A. Garden, Bedford road case,	10 00

Frank P. Jones, care of Town Hall,	\$18 65	
Levi F. Lowell, bridge plank,	16 25	
John Jackson, sleigh damage,	15 00	
Elton W. French, part pay for collect- ing taxes,	60 00	
C. M. Parker, expenses of Gage fund,	4 95	
Fessenden & Lowell, work on culvert and lobby,	45 82	
H. W. Wilson, court fee in Hill case,	23 00	
Stevens & Parker, Hill case,	18 00	
F. A. Chamberlain, work at Town Hall,	13 82	
Benjamin Ela, salary and stationery,	32 50	
Benjamin Ela, work on record, book, and shelf boxes,	15 08	
M. P. Nichols, Treasurer,	40 00	
M. P. Nichols, School Committee,	30 00	
M. P. Nichols, car fare, stationery, money paid out,	2 50	
C. L. Hubbard, School Committee,	30 00	
S. C. Anderson, nails,	1 55	
H. W. Wilson, salary and use of horse,	114 00	
Levi F. Lowell, salary,	65 00	
Geo. E. Patterson, salary and use of horse,	89 00	
Geo. E. Patterson, care of tramps,	20 00	
J. H. Bowers,	2 00	
Frank A. Gordon,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,046 77

ABATEMENTS.

Alonzo H. Cushon, dog tax,	\$1 00	
James N. B. Fuller, tax list of 1875,	31 59	
Lydia A. Parker, tax list of 1876,	1 44	
	<hr/>	\$34 03

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Lucinda Smith, aid from town,	\$78 00
Maria M. Emerson, for board of Mehit- able Patterson,	122 75
J. C. Garland, doctoring M. Patterson,	1 50
Samuel C. Anderson, goods for S. Cole,	3 58
Levi F. Lowell, bedding for lock-up,	6 00
H. W. Wilson, “ “ “	2 00
John E. Morse, care of lock-up,	18 00
Fessenden & Lowell, aid Corwin Par- ker,	8 90
S. C. Anderson, goods to C. Parker,	5 00
Geo. C. Gage, doctoring C. Parker's wife,	20 00
Calvin Clement, Henderson boy,	8 50
Reuben Pratt,	8 50
S. C. Anderson, goods to J. B. Frieze,	10 98
N. Y. Oliver, goods to Mrs. Henderson,	10 00
Fessenden & Lowell, aid to J. B. Frieze,	7 50
S. C. Anderson, goods to O. Sanderson and school books,	9 88
N. Y. Oliver, goods to J. B. Frieze,	15 06
H. W. Wilson, aid to J. B. Fields,	10 50
	————— \$346 65

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HORACE W. WILSON,
LEVI F. LOWELL,
GEORGE E. PATTERSON,
Selectmen of Merrimack.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Select
men for the year ending March 1st, 1877, and find it cor-
rect.

F. A. GORDON,
JOHN H. BOWERS,
Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Merrimack in Account with M. P. Nichols, Treas.

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By cash on hand March 1, 1876,	\$17 38	
Balance deposit account in Manchester Savings Bank, exclusive of int., March 1, 1876,	1,227 38	
Cash of Jas. N. B. Fuller, collector, balance tax list 1875,	438 89	
Cash of Jas. N. B. Fuller, interest col- lected on tax list,	5 10	
Cash of County for support of paupers,	111 45	
Cash of E. W. French, collected on his tax list 1876,	3,823 15	
Cash received of State Treas., R. R. tax,	803 76	
Cash received of State Treasurer, Sav- ings Bank tax,	1,538 53	
Cash received of State Treasurer, Lit- erary Fund,	100 35	
	<hr/>	\$8,065 99

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To paid town orders drawn current year 1875,	\$149 95	
Paid orders drawn current year of '76,	2,802 50	
Paid agents for the several school districts,	1,603 35	
Paid school district No. 3, as school-house tax,	4 36	
Paid State Treasurer as State tax in 1876,	1,604 00	
Paid County Treasurer as County tax in 1876,	909 07	
Paid Chas. H. Fitts, note and interest,	555 43	
Paid Wm. H. Fisk's bill for printing orders and receipts, and for stationery in 1873,	5 74	
Balance of deposit account in Manchester Savings Bank, exclusive of interest, March 1st, 1877,	411 02	
Cash on hand March 1st, 1877,	20 57	
	————	\$8,065 99

STANDING OF THE TOWN FINANCIALLY.

MARCH 1, 1877.

LIABILITIES.

Note due Mrs. Eliza Wilson and bal. interest,	\$761 79	
Note due Reuben Barnes and int.,	232 14	
Unpaid orders drawn current year '75	4 21	
Unpaid orders drawn current year '76,	593 46	
Balance school-house tax due District No. 3,	5 14	
	————	\$1,596 74

ASSETS.

Balance of deposit account in Manchester Savings Bank, exclusive of interest, March 1, 1877,	\$411 02	
Dividend of interest on Bank account,	67 05	
Due from E. W. French, collector on tax list 1876,	830 24	
Cash on hand March 1, 1877,	20 57	
Balance against the town March 1, 1877,	267 86	
	————	\$1,596 74

M. P. NICHOLS, *Town Treasurer.*

Merrimack, March 1, 1877.

We have examined the above report of the Treasurer of the town of Merrimack, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

F. A. GORDON,
JOHN H. BOWERS,
Auditors.

Merrimack, March, 1, 1877.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. I.

J. L. READ, *Agent*.

SARAH E. LAWRENCE, *Teacher*.

The faithful work performed in this district for so many years is producing good results.

DISTRICT NO. II.

S. R. BARRON, *Agent*.

Mrs. M. BARRON, *Teacher*.

The school in this district, one of the best in the town, has received a stimulus both mentally and morally; the citizens of the district deserve special commendation for their contribution of a Webster's Unabridged which they have placed in the school-room.

DISTRICT NO. III.

WM. MCQUESTEN, *Agent*.

SARAH FOSTER, *Teacher*.

The pupils in this school are nearly all young but they have profited well by the instruction which they have received from so competent a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

J. FERGUSON, *Agent*.

LUCY A. BOWERS, }
JAMES T. JONES, } *Teachers*.

Miss Bowers in the first terms of the year did good service for the school. Mr. Jones has judicious methods of teaching and brought the scholars well forward in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. V.

GEO. F. SPALDING, *Agent*.IDA L. WESTON, }
FLORA E. HUNT, } *Teachers*.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Weston. Being inexperienced she was not successful in the government of the school. The Fall term was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

FRANK HILL, *Agent*.DELIA M. SMITH, *Teacher*.

The school has been lengthened considerably by the teacher boarding around. This is the best school in town. The scholars made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. VII.

J. W. FOSDICK, *Agent*.L. ANNIE WILKINS, *Teacher*.

Miss Wilkins has taught this school during the past two years. Her scholars were small but, as usual, she gave general satisfaction to the people of the district.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

H. T. I. BLOOD, *Agent*FANNIE BROWN, *Teacher*.

This is becoming one of our most important schools. A class in Grammar recited well. The singing of the scholars was a pleasant feature of their exercises.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

G. H. BIXBY, *Agent*.ANNIE ABBOTT, }
ABBY CENTER, } *Teachers*.

Miss Abbott labored to train her pupils in neat and

orderly habits and had good success as an educator. The class in Geography recited well. Miss Center is an experienced teacher and brought to her work her customary energy and zeal. The school prospered under her care.

DISTRICT NO. X.

GEO. PARKHURST, *Agent*.

LIZZIE S. NICHOLS, *Teacher*.

Merrimack has but two of the pupils in this school. Classes in Grammar and Geography appeared well and the school gave evidence of having received careful and methodical instruction.

DISTRICT NO. XI.

J. L. BOWERS, *Agent*.

MARY A. BOWERS, *Teacher*.

Through the generosity of the Prudential Committee lately deceased this school has had a period of instruction equal to that of any one in the town. The school appeared better than it has before for years. Considerable attention was paid to Drawing.

DISTRICT NO. XII.

W. H. PATTERSON, *Agent*.

J. I. RICHARDSON, *Teacher*.

The people of this district have made a good use of their school money. The school has made good progress in the right direction. The singing by the school is worthy of special mention, as is also the recitation of a class in History.

REMARKS.

Our schools have prospered during the year as well as could be expected under the present system. The school exhibition held the third Friday in June was fully attended, both by pupils and citizens. In many cases there were sharp

contests for the prizes offered by C. M. Parker, Esq. The interest he has manifested in the schools is commendable, and we trust there may be many similar manifestations on the part of others of our citizens.

It is believed that the general influence of these exhibitions is good, and we would suggest that in June yearly, we bring our schools together in the Town Hall to note their progress and encourage them by our interest in their welfare.

Your committee desires to say that it was impossible for him to take the entire charge of the schools during the past year, and therefore acknowledges his indebtedness to Rev. Mr. Hubbard for his kind assistance in his work ; also, in bringing the schools forward at our annual school exhibition, the success of which may be mainly attributed to his zealous care.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. NICHOLS,

School Committee.

Merrimack, March 1st, 1877.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Terms.	Length of School in Weeks.	Wages of Teacher per Month, including Board.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Instances of Tardiness.	Number not Absent $\frac{1}{2}$ Day.	Number of Visits by Citizens.	Amount of Money.
1	1st.	8	\$24 00	6	5 1-2	12	3	2	\$112 67
1	2nd.	10	24 00	9	7		2	4	
2	1st.	9	19 80	13	11 35-86		8	19	105 67
2	2nd.	10	20 80	21	18 77-96	9	9	16	
3	1st.	9	38 00	30	27 1-5	27	4	14	311 42
3	2nd.	12	38 00	31	25	56	3	36	
3	3rd.	9	38 00	21	17	43	1	10	
4	1st.	8	20 00	18	17		11	9	194 91
4	2nd.	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 00	26	21	6	3		
4	3rd.	11	34 00	19	15 2-11	55	5	17	
5	1st.	8	24 00	18	13	126	2	3	96 06
5	2nd.	8	24 00	17	13	9	2	3	
6	1st.	8	28 00	16	14 28-39	33	4	24	102 40
6	2nd.	14	34 00	23	20 49-136	74	8	34	
7	1st.	8	22 00	25	24	11	12	25	129 26
7	2nd.	11	27 00	27	24	34	9		
8	1st.	9	22 00	9	8 1-2	6	6	4	119 51
8	2nd.	10	24 00	10	7	15	3	5	
9	1st.	8	27 00	19	17	6	3	2	137 58
9	2nd.	9	28 00	28	17	10			
10	1st.	9	22 00	11	9 24-43	9	2	5	53 63
10	2nd.	9	22 00	13	11	25	2	2	
11	1st.	10	20 00	9	7		3	9	144 29
11	2nd.	17	21 32	9	8		4	2	
12	1st.	9	29 00	18	16 1-5	6	11	18	95 95
12	2nd.	9	29 00	20	17 3-4	7	4	17	

Total \$1,603 35

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